a widespread popular notion that he has been badly used & the Survey, anything he says in its favour will carry great weight. He will be regarded as having been put in to curse; & his blessings will therefore do the Survey much good. I expect it was that artful Geikie who put him in. G. is wonderfully cute.

Our Survey here is feeble; the present Director is in London; he is a man named Jas Sterling, of whom you will probably have heard in London before this. I shall be very interested to hear what London thinks of him. We earnestly hope he will be a success in London so that he may stop there.

I am leaving for London on Sat. so I shall be home very soon after this

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17 Oct 1900

My dear Sherborn

I return herewith the news cuttings & am very much obliged to you for sending them. I have heard very little of the Museum news except indirectly from remarks intelligible only if I knew the facts. Of course I have heard only from you & Andrews. I suppose you have seen the Anti-Hunter pamphlet before this. I have seen the reply of T & H. who seem to have scored & put Foster into an awkward corner. But as Foster is chairman of the Botany Departments committee Murray is hardly likely to score thereby in the long run

I suppose that report will be out soon & then ~~the storm~~ there will be fun. I fear the present Govt is anxious to economize & two of the Govt dislike the Trustees & the system. Lankester has probably put his case badly & gone the wrong way to work: but his ideas are generally a little ahead of the day & I should not be surprised if ~~he~~ in time to come there were not a powerful attack on the Trustee System. It is an anachronism which will live until there is some muddle; let the Trustees make one really serious blunder & they will probably pay for it & lose of their powers.

In regard to Chapman, I should be very glad if he came out. I would gladly do anything to help him.

There is however as probably 12 months delay ahead as Prof Spencer is going to study the naughty ways of the Australian abodigines; & he prefers that the palaeontologist should come out while he is in town to train him in the way he should go. Hence Spencer wants it hung up for awhile, though it may ~~be~~ have been already settled. The post is sure to be permanent unless the skies fall or Victoria goes bankrupt. ~~This~~ I have never heard of any man ~~being~~ on the permanent staff being dismissed. Spencer ridicules the idea that a man could be dismissed even for ill conduct.

I was glad to hear that Lapworth is on the Survey Commission; because he will look after its interests & as there is

letter. I shall hope to see you soon. I am crossing the States to see mining schools, & am due in London on Dec 1st & Dec. 5th.

I am sorry that you have split with Hinde who is an honest reformer, tho sadly unpracticable & uncompromising.

He must be very delighted with the woman victory at the Brit. Assoc. But those Committees of the B.A. will be worse than ever. But the reform of that case was no doubt just & expedient.

How goes the great Index. I hear the B.A. Citee was reappointed, but there was no very definite statement as to date of publication; so I presume that is still a little uncertain.

I have been quiet but hard at work last term; had a great

tramp last week over the Main Divide & am now examining. My exam closes today. Tomorrow I get out my returns & then am free to get on the Home Trail.

That will soon bring me to S K where I hope to see you shortly.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely

J W Gregory

Bowdler Sharpe Collection

with renewed apologies
Yours sincerely
Jas Gregory

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22nd May

Dear Sharpe

Please accept my apologies for not having written about weed. I had to go away from London from Tht Tues Inst. till today. I called in Bird Room to ask you to excuse me I heard you were away ill. I intended to write but then rushed away & forgot that I had not seen you.

I hope my not having written caused no inconvenience